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**Mariko OKAMOTO et al.** )  
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Application No.: 09/667,420 ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
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For: GEL COMPOSITION AND ITS USE )  
IN COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS )  
AND THE LIKE )

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English document, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent

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Office in a corresponding application citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Please note that the remaining two references cited in the European Search Report were previously filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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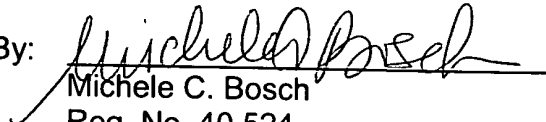
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Respectfully submitted,

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